

1       1. A method comprising:  
2           receiving a wireless signal in a handheld device  
3   in response to a request for access to a processor-based  
4   system; and  
5           accessing credential information in a subscriber  
6   information module; and  
7           transmitting information related to said  
8   credential information to said processor-based system to  
9   enable access to said system.

1       2. The method of claim 1 including receiving a  
2   wireless signal pursuant to a protocol with a relatively  
3   short range to generate said wireless signal.

1       3. The method of claim 2 including receiving a  
2   wireless signal pursuant to a wireless protocol that has a  
3   range of approximately 10 feet.

1       4. A processor-based system comprising:  
2           a wireless interface;  
3           a subscriber information module; and  
4           a device, coupled to said module, to receive a  
5   wireless request to access a remote processor-based system,  
6   to obtain credential information from said module, and to  
7   provide said credential information to said remote

8 processor-based system to enable use of said remote  
9 processor-based system.

1       5. The system of claim 4 wherein said wireless  
2 interface is a short range wireless interface.

1       6. The system of claim 5 wherein said short range  
2 wireless interface has a range of approximately 10 feet.

1       7. The system of claim 5 wherein said wireless  
2 interface includes a dipole antenna.

1       8. The system of claim 4 wherein said system is a  
2 cellular telephone.

1       9. An article comprising a medium storing  
2 instructions that, if executed, enable a processor-based  
3 system to:

4              receive a wireless signal in a handheld device in  
5 response to a request for access to a processor-based  
6 system; and

7              access credential information in a subscriber  
8 information module; and

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10                   transmit information related to said credential  
11 information to said processor-based system to enable access  
12 to said system.

1                 10. The article of claim 9 further storing  
2 instructions that, if executed, enable the processor-based  
3 system to use a wireless protocol with a relatively short  
4 range to receive said wireless signal.

1                 11. The article of claim 9 further storing  
2 instructions that, if executed, enable the processor-based  
3 system to use a wireless protocol that has a range of  
4 approximately 10 feet.

1                 12. A method comprising:  
2                   establishing a wireless communication link  
3 between a mobile device and a computer system when within a  
4 communication range;  
5                   authenticating a user of the mobile device as an  
6 authorized user of the computer system using credential  
7 information stored in a portable identification module  
8 included in the mobile device, the credential information  
9 transmitted from the mobile device using the wireless link;  
10 and  
11                   monitoring the wireless link between the mobile  
12 device and the computer system such that when the link is

13       interrupted an audible alarm on the mobile device is  
14       generated.

1           13. The method of claim 12 wherein the portable  
2       identification module is a subscriber information module.

1           14. The method of claim 12 wherein the communication  
2       link is a Bluetooth link.

1           15. The method of claim 12 wherein the mobile device  
2       is a mobile telephone.